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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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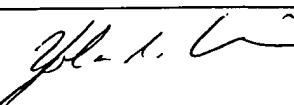
1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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L Basis of the report1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____ 1-483 _____, as originally filed

pages _____ NONE _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____ 484-489 _____, as originally filed

pages _____ NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____ NONE _____, filed with the demand

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 the drawings:

pages _____ 1-129 _____, as originally filed

pages _____ NONE _____, filed with the demand

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____ NONE _____, as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ NONE _____ the claims, Nos. _____ NONE _____ the drawings, sheets/fig. _____ NONE _____5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).^{**}

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

****Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-38</u>	YES
	Claims <u>None</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-38</u>	YES
	Claims <u>None</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-38</u>	YES
	Claims <u>None</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-38 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 35(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest:

Claims 1, 10 and 11:

Tracking assets of the network by managing resources and objects of the network and controlling bandwidth and speed of the network.

Claims 20, 29 and 30:

Sharing technology in a network-based supply chain through development/developing and management/managing of the content of the technology interface and network assets.

————— NEW CITATIONS —————

- US 5,953,707 A (HUANG ET AL) 14 September 1999
- US 5,764,543 A (KENNEDY) 09 June 1998
- US 5,890,175 A (WONG ET AL) 30 March 1999
- US 5,883,955 A (RONNING) 16 March 1999
- US 5,694,546 A (REISMAN) 02 December 1997

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The drawings are objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(iii) as containing the following defect(s) in the form or content thereof:
Fig. 144 is missing.